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Attorney General John Ashcroft

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing this letter to you today to express to you my sincere delight at the resolution of the long drawn out antitrust lawsuit filed against Microsoft. The resolution that was reached is a long overdue end to this debacle.

Terms of this settlement are quite extensive and cover every parties needs, I believe. For the competitor software companies, there are provisions that give them access to the interface information so that their software can work more smoothly in Microsoft's Windows operating system. For the computer manufacturers, there are provisions that would prevent Microsoft from retaliating against them should they promote software from Microsoft's competitors. For the consumers, there are provisions that stimulate competition, which subsequently keeps prices down. There is no part that this settlement does not cover; it truly is all encompassing.

There is no reason to litigate this further. A settlement has been reached, and its time to let this issue rest. I hope you will hear the opinion of people like me and agree to the settlement that was reached. I thank you for your time today.

Sincerely,

Billy Colwell